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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 172
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the Lady Wildcats of Wayne County High School on winning the 2000-01 TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Wayne County High School Lady Wildcats are one such estimable team; during their outstanding 2000-01 season, they won the TSSAA Class A State Championship and ensured that this year's team will hold a position of honor in the rich history of Wayne County girls basketball; and

WHEREAS, In compiling a magnificent record of thirty-four wins against just two losses, the Lady Wildcats were undefeated when playing against Class A competition; the team's only clashes came against traditionally powerful teams from larger schools, Lawrence County of Class AAA and Lexington of Class AA; and

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WHEREAS, After garnering the District 12-A season championship, the Lady Wildcats won the championships of the District 12-A, Region 6-A, and Sectional Tournaments to earn a berth in the TSSAA Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, In Murfreesboro, Wayne County High's girls easily disposed of the vaunted Hampton High School team in their opening round game; in the Final Four, they were paired with the powerful Bradford Red Devils in a match-up of two top contenders; and

WHEREAS, In a rematch of the 1999-2000 Class A State Championship Game, the Lady Wildcats avenged the previous season's loss by prevailing in a tightly-contested battle with the top-ranked girls of Bradley High School; and

WHEREAS, Within one victory of the program's first state championship, the Lady Wildcats maintained their unwavering focus; when the final buzzer sounded, Wayne County had defeated Grace Baptist by a score of 62 – 48, and the 2000-01 Lady Wildcats had made history; and

WHEREAS, For the senior members of the team, the victory was the pinnacle achievement of a string of four seasons that will not soon be forgotten; during their careers at Wayne County High, the young ladies compiled an unparalleled record of 130 wins and only 11 losses; they never lost a game within the friendly confines of their home gymnasium, and they reached the State Tournament all four seasons; and

WHEREAS, The members of the legendary Senior class were Erica Davenport, Sarah Beth Evans, Abree Haddock, Leah Mathis, and Molly York; they received significant aid from the team's Juniors, Maegan Barnett and Brandi Pulley; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Wildcats underclassmen were Sophomores Amanda Beavers, Amy Beavers, Leighann Jones, and Stacy Myers and Freshmen Brittney Andrews, Anna Bevis, Diana Davenport, Aleica Hammack, Nicole McNutt, and Andrea Warren; and

WHEREAS, This laudable basketball team attained its magnificent success through much hard work, and tremendous teamwork; that success was also precipitated by the vast talents of the individuals who comprised the squad; and

WHEREAS, Erica Davenport, a Miss Basketball Finalist, earned recognition as District 12–A Most Valuable Player, and she was joined on the All-District and All-District Tournament Teams by Sarah Beth Evans, Abree Haddock, and Molly York; Miss Davenport, Miss Haddock, and Miss York also were named to the All-Region and All-State Tournament Teams, and Miss Davenport was selected as TSSAA State Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, These talented young ladies were ably guided by Coach David Byrd and Assistant Coach Wesley Huddleston who laid the groundwork for the Lady Wildcats success by sharing their substantial knowledge and love of basketball with the team; and

WHEREAS, The coaches and players received much assistance from the team's Managers, Sharae Bromley and Rachel Pigg, and Statisticians, Jill Hunt and Michelle Myers; and

WHEREAS, Principal Coy Anderson and Assistant Principal Joyce Wilkerson greatly contributed to the Lady Wildcats' success by providing their fullest support to the basketball program; and

WHEREAS, The basketball players at Wayne County High School epitomize all that is good in the ideal student-athlete; they have achieved notable success on the basketball court while displaying the utmost character both inside and outside of the gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, The stalwart dedication, strong work ethic, and many talents of this group of young ladies not only led to an outstanding season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Wayne County Lady Wildcats for their success on the court and

for serving as excellent examples of the tremendous quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Wayne County Lady Wildcats on earning the 2000-01 TSSAA Class A State Championship, join with their teachers, families, and friends in celebrating their remarkable success, and wish them success in every future endeavor, both inside and outside of the gymnasium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.